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## Western Montana

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### **SCOPING MEETINGS SET FOR DILLON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting a series of meetings to discuss a land use plan being started by the BLM's Dillon Field Office. The Dillon Resource Management Plan (RMP) will establish future management goals and direction for over 900,000 acres of public land managed by the Dillon Field Office in Beaverhead and Madison Counties.

The purpose of these initial meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to identify issues to be addressed by the plan and to exchange ideas on how public land should be managed. This is an important first step in developing the plan and the public is encouraged to participate. The RMP will address many issues related to agricultural use, wildlife and habitat, timber, minerals, recreation, wilderness, access to public lands, roads and trails and other resources. Based on earlier public input and requests, maps showing the planning area and locations of potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, designated wilderness, and Wilderness Study Areas will be available for review at the meetings. Handouts on other aspects of the planning process will also be available.

The public is encouraged to attend any of the five meetings to be held between 7 and 9 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, September 25, 2001, in Lima  
Multipurpose Room at the school

Wednesday, September 26, 2001, in Dillon  
Search and Rescue Building

Thursday, September 27, 2001, in Sheridan  
Bethany Hall

Monday, October 1, 2001, in Butte  
BLM Butte Field Office Conference Room

Tuesday, October 2, 2001, in Ennis  
Ennis Town Hall

For more information, or to have your name added to the Dillon RMP mailing list, contact Renee Johnson, RMP Project Leader, at 683-8016.

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